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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Yap et al.
Serial No.: 09/868,553
PCT Filed: January 20, 1999
For: HEPATITIS Y VIRUS

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Petition for Earlier Date of Acceptance
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Sir:

Applicants are filing this Petition to request that the date of acceptance of the above-referenced application as well as the "Date of Receipt of 35 U.S.C. § 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) Requirements" and "Date of Receipt of All 35 U.S.C. Requirements" be reconsidered for the above-referenced application.

This U.S. national phase application was filed under § 371 on June 18, 2001 without the Declaration or Sequence Listing. These items were timely submitted on November 7, 2001 in accordance with the procedures set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8. A copy of the transmittal letter accompanying this submission is enclosed. As indicated on the returned date-stamped postcard (copy enclosed), the Filing Receipt (copy enclosed), and the Notice of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 (copy enclosed), this submission was not received by the USPTO until January 18, 2002.

This delay in receipt is due to extraordinary circumstances surrounding the mail facility that served the USPTO at this time, which circumstances were completely unforeseeable and beyond the Applicants' control. Applicants submit that under these extraordinary circumstances, in the interest of justice, the filing date of the additional requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 (i.e., the Declaration and Sequence Listing) should be the date that the submission was mailed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 (November 7, 2001) rather than the date of receipt by the Office.

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Enclosed with this Petition is a check in the amount of \$130 to cover the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (h). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures:

Copy of Transmittal of November 7, 2001
Copy of date-stamped postcard
Copy of Filing Receipt
Copy of Notice of Acceptance

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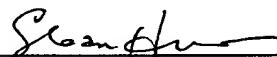


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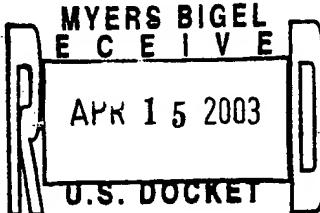


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Foreign Applications

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 EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) 99200167.7 01/20/1999

Projected Publication Date: None, application is not eligible for pre-grant publication

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Hepatitis y virus

Preliminary Class

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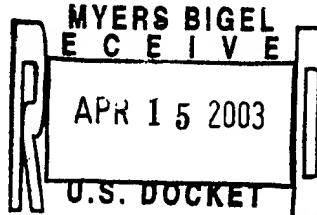


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 371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER



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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

01/18/2002DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and
(c)(4) REQUIREMENTS01/18/2002DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371
REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/18/2002
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/18/2002
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/18/2002
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/18/2002
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/18/2002
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 01/18/2002
- Oath or Declaration filed on 01/18/2002
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 01/18/2002
- Small Entity Statement filed on 01/18/2002
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 01/18/2002
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/18/2002

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/903 (371 Acceptance Notice)

FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (REV 5-93)		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 9250-37
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 09/868,553
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP99/10179	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 16, 1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 18, 1998
TITLE OF INVENTION HEPATITIS Y VIRUS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Sing Hiem Yap; Chris Julien Cornelius Verslype; Pieter Jacob Boender; Jan Albert Hellings		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I). 4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 		
Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Statement in Support of Filing A Sequence Listing; Paper copy of Sequence Listing; Computer Readable Copy of Sequence Listing 		

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<p>17. [] The following fees are submitted:</p> <p>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$840.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) \$670.00</p> <p>No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) \$690.00</p> <p>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$970.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$96.00</p>		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 [X] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$130.00	
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Total Claims	-20 =	0	X \$18.00
Independent Claims	-3 =	0	X \$78.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$260.00	\$
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$130.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).		\$	
SUBTOTAL =		\$130.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).		\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$130.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +		\$40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$170.00	
		Amount to be refunded	\$
		charged	\$
<p>a. [X] A check in the amount of \$170.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.</p>			
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>			
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